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REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: April 13, 2006

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: Bobby Jones, Jerry Garrett, Jeff Cordell, Gary Manning, John Finch

Also Present: Jim Thomas, Joe Haynes, Claudia Davis, Tim Ellis, Bennie Lane, Rick Gregory, Jack Tompkins, Ricky West, Richard Harris, Linda and Mike Moss, Terry Hutcherson, John Cannon, Jane Birdwell, Susan Rotkiewicz, John Shelby, Harry Yates, Rick Peery, Sherrie Morrow

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones. Prayer was offered by Rev. Harry Yates.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cordell to approve minutes of the March 23, 2006 regular city commission meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and passed unanimously 5-0.

In light of the tornado which struck the City on April 7th, Commissioner Finch commended City Manager Jim Thomas for the excellent and professional way he has conducted himself this week. He added that the City's staff, employees, department heads, and Police Department have all done a most professional, caring and exemplary job. Mayor Jones agreed and added his appreciation for all the help from the business community, the churches, Metro and State Governments, FEMA, and the 1,500 volunteers coming to our City on Friday and Saturday to clean up. Vice Mayor Garrett echoed all their comments. He stated the Commission cannot thank the employees enough for their tremendous effort, dedication and concern. The response to this crisis could set an example for any city to follow. Commissioner Manning shared a message he received during the holidays. The City's employees are chosen to serve as leaders of our community and this week, they have led as servants. Commissioner Cordell stated he feels he is the luckiest person in the world to say he is a citizen of this great city. He expressed his deep appreciation to all the employees for their response to this tragedy and his gratitude that our community did not lose a life. Vice Mayor Garrett suggested the Commission should do whatever it takes in the hardest hit area of town to see that all of those people get back on their feet. If there is a need to do some type of community redevelopment or whatever we have to do to make those people whole again, it should be done.

Vice Mayor Garrett reported that Judge Robert Wheeler has submitted his resignation as the City's Judge after sixteen years of dedicated service. He would like to ask members of the bar who reside in the corporate city limits to see if any of them would like to apply for the position.

City Attorney Haynes reported donations are being accepted at the Goodlettsville Help Center. Vice Mayor Garrett confirmed that statement and added that those donations should state they are for the tornado victims. Those funds will be used exclusively for those people who were directly affected by the storm. City Attorney Haynes also commended City Manager Thomas for the tremendous job he has done leading the City during this crisis. He added that the City is truly blessed that we did not lose any life. He offered his help in the legislature with anything on the state level.

City Manager Thomas expressed appreciation for all the compliments about him. However, he named all the employees present and included the rest of the one hundred and thirty one city employees in expressing that they have all gone to the wall this week as servants and how proud and honored he is to serve with all of them. Every employee has served and nobody has lost sight of what their jobs were and nobody has lost sight that there are people who are hurt and negatively affected by this storm.

Consider Ordinance No. 06-673 on second reading, an ordinance to set the standards of conduct for members of the City Commission, City boards, and City employees and disclosure of interests concerning standards of ethical conduct and behavior. City Attorney Haynes noted this ordinance has been redrafted to include the city employees and he feels it covers everything that needs to be included. He noted that in his service to the City, both as a Commissioner and the City Attorney, he has never seen a situation occur

where we needed a policy to guide us because we all have our own personal standards which rise much above what you can put on paper. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett to approve Ordinance No. 06-673 on second reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finch and passed unanimously 5-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 06-677 on first reading, an ordinance to direct the Davidson County Election Commission to call a municipal election for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Goodlettsville, pursuant to T.C.A. Section 6-20-105. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Garrett to designate the first Tuesday in October as the city election date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell. Commissioner Manning noted each member is aware of the other member's position on this matter but he is prepared to vote on the matter because the citizens deserve to know when the election will be held. Commissioner Finch noted that his position on this issue has been made known and he is prepared to vote. The ordinance passed 3-2 with Garrett, Cordell and Jones voting in the affirmative and Finch and Manning voting in opposition.

Consider Ordinance No. 06-678 on first reading, an ordinance to establish and, in some cases, revise fees charged by the City of Goodlettsville for various municipal services. City Manager Thomas asked that the Commission consider passage of this ordinance on caption. Due to the tornado, he has been unable to have the ordinance in its final form and reviewed by the City Attorney prior to this meeting. There will be no changes to the work that's been done on this matter up to this point. A motion was made by Commissioner Cordell to approve Ordinance No. 06-678 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garrett and passed unanimously 5-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 06-679 on first reading, an ordinance to amend Title 14, the official zoning map, of the Goodlettsville Municipal Code, Ordinance No. 89-413, as amended by changing the zoning classification of property known as 112 Lindberg Avenue, Davidson County Tax Map 18-16, Parcel 43 from Commercial Services Limited (CSL) to Commercial General (CG) zoning district. Planning Director Gregory noted this is a proposal for a fifty foot lot adjacent to like zoned property. A motion was made by Commissioner Manning to approve Ordinance No. 06-679 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell and passed unanimously 5-0.

Richard Pope, 816 Loretta Drive, asked to be heard as a citizen and not as an employee of the City. Regarding the action taken on the city election, having heard all the reasons for and against holding a special election, he cannot fathom any reason why we should not set the date with the other elections. Everything indicates that is by far the right thing to do. He expressed that they have done things right tonight but they have not done the right thing. He stated that it is commonly known a smaller voter turn out makes it more likely for incumbents to be re-elected, which is not in the best interest of the citizens. That is in the best interest of the incumbent. He stated he is very very disappointed in the vote they have taken.

Linda Moss stated she is speaking as an employee and a taxpayer of the City. It has been said that it is a tiny little amount the City would be saving by holding our election with the county elections. She stated she thinks of that tiny little amount when she comes to work and digs in the trash can for note paper because we no longer have the city funds to supply the dispatch office with notepads. She said they are using the backs of used paper in the Police dispatch office to take calls when a citizen is having a heart attack or their house is on fire. That amount of money the City could save is not as small as the Commissioner's think it is. As one of the employees who was on duty April 7th when the Tornado hit, she stated that she appreciates the Commissioner's words of praise, but she wishes their actions would follow their words. If the Commission is not willing to do what they need to do to supply the City with the funds to operate, then their words do not have near the meaning they should have. She attended the work session on the election issue and every citizen who had a comment was in favor of changing the election to the

county and national election dates. Every citizen who has written to the newspaper and who has been talked to by the paper was in favor of it. She does not understand that as elected officials they can vote against what the people who elected them have asked them to do and she regrets that.

John Cannon thanked Richard Pope as a police officer. When the tornado came through, a phone pole snapped and barely missed their new office of two months on East Cedar Street. Richard was there directing traffic within thirty seconds. He thanked Richard for checking on them and for all the Fire and Police Departments' immediate response. He was struck by how badly the country had responded to other crisis' last year and how well Goodlettsville responded. This is the place to be and he is mighty proud to be a citizen of Goodlettsville.

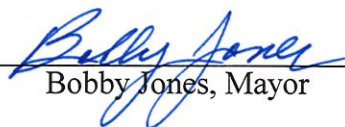
Cannon stated to Mayor Jones, Vice Mayor Garrett and Commissioner Cordell that again, they are the only ones he knows of in the City who did not want the city election placed on a coinciding date with the state, county or national elections. He believes this is a disconnection between the representatives and the citizens and that's wrong.

Commissioner Finch stated he respects and appreciates the citizens' comments. He thanked the Commissioners for their civil and professional conduct. There is an issue that they do not agree on but he feels they all recognize in the current environment that there is a higher calling this week and at this time.

Commissioner Cordell made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



Claudia Davis, City Recorder



Bobby Jones, Mayor

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: April 25, 2006

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: Bobby Jones, Jerry Garrett, Jeff Cordell, Gary Manning

Absent: John Finch

Also Present: Jim Thomas, Joe Haynes, Claudia Davis, Tim Ellis, Bennie Lane, Bill Brasier, Terry Hutcherson, Jane Birdwell, Charlie Morrow, Richard Pope, Phillip Uldrich, Terry Hutcherson, John Coombs, Robert McCoin, James Ghee

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones. Prayer was offered by Commissioner Cordell.

A motion was made by Commissioner Manning to approve minutes of the April 13, 2006 regular city commission meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garrett and passed unanimously 4-0.

City Manager Thomas reported that the Commission directed him to contact the leadership of Davidson Academy when we learned that the school was considering relocating their campus to Sumner County. He did meet with the Head Master Bill Chaney and other members of their board. It was determined that there was no appropriate tract of land in Goodlettsville to meet their needs. Mr. Chaney has communicated to Thomas that they have entered into a contract to purchase property in Hendersonville to relocate their school.

City Manager Thomas stated that due to the storm damage to city property and the expenses incurred, it is obvious that there will need to be an amendment to the current year budget for a yet undetermined amount. He anticipates that the City will exceed the minimum general fund surplus account balance percentage that